

Dear Chris,

I am writing as a concerned parent about the Raised Bill No. 5425, or HB5425, being proposed, which would shift the burden of proof for due process hearings to the family and away from the school district.

This legislation simply sounds like the latest attempt to make it more difficult for families with special needs children to get them the free, appropriate public education they are entitled to.

My family is currently going through the transition from Birth to 3 services to our school district, and already I am seeing attempts to save budget dollars rather than offer the services my son needs.

Please, give families a break! We have enough to worry about with our children and their futures, without also having to worry about additional ways that school districts may be able to get out of providing appropriate services.

Sincerely,
Melissa Ezarik
Stratford,CT